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SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION --

AS GA CONTINUED DEBATE SEPT 9 ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IT HEARD VIEWS OF BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN, HUNGARY, SPAIN, THAILAND, CUBA, TURKEY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SUDAN, MAURITIUS, GHANA, NIGERIA, SINGAPORE, LEBANON, SWAZILAND AND ETHIOPIA.

SPEAKERS LISTED FOR SEPT. 10 ARE: SYRIA, COLOMBIA, NEW ZEALAND, FINLAND, QATAR, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, MADAGASCAR, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, ECUADOR, SAUDI ARABIA, LAOS, GREECE, IRAQ, PHILIPPINES, BOLIVIA AND CYPRUS.

BANGLADESH -- STRESSING THE URGENCY OF THE PLIGHT OF MSAS, FOREIGN MINISTER CHOWDHURY ENDORSED G-77 PROPOSALS WITH THE FOLLOWING "PRIORITY AREAS": 1) STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS OF LDCS THROUGH COMPENSATORY FINANCING AND AN "INTEGRATED PROGRAMME" ON COMMODITIES; 2) STABILIZATION OF FOOD PRICES AND THE CREATION OF FOOD GRAIN RESERVES AND EARLY WARNING AND FOOD INFORMATION SYSTEMS; 3) ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE LOCAL PROCESSING OF RAW MATERIALS IN LDC'S, AND REDUCTION BY DCS OF THEIR PRODUCTION OF SYNTHETIC FIBERS WHICH COMPETE WITH NATURAL PRODUCTS LIKE JUTE; 4) INCREASED TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO LDC'S BY REVERSING THE RECENT DECLINE IN OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FROM DC'S; 5) INCREASED TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO LDC'S, PARTICULARLY THROUGH TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS WHICH, "UNDER SUITABLE GUIDELINES, CAN PLAY A USEFUL ROLE"; 6) MORE AID TO MSA'S, THROUGH THE SPECIAL FUND ESTABLISHED BY THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION WHICH SHOULD BEGIN A PROGRAM OF LENDING FROM JANUARY 1, 1976; AND 7) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROPOSALS FOR UN REFORM SUBMITTED BY THE GROUP OF EXPERTS. (REPEATED INFO DACCA)

PAKISTAN -- IN A DETAILED AND MODERATE PRESENTATION OF G-77 DEMANDS, PAKISTANI DELEGATION CHAIRMAN KAISER CALLED ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO INDICATE THE "PRECISE PHASES" BY WHICH THEY INTEND TO MEET THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TARGET OF 0.7 PERCENT BY 1980, AND TO AGREE TO A MORATORIUM ON INTEREST PAYMENTS UNCLASSIFIED

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ON DEVELOPMENT LOANS. HE ALSO PROPOSED THE IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT OF THE GSP, AND A PHASED ELIMINATION OF ALL TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO LDC EXPORTS OVER THE NEXT 5 TO 10 YEARS. AS MEASURES TO AID MSA'S, INCLUDING PAKISTAN, HE ADVOCATED THE IMMEDIATE ELIMINATION OF ALL TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO THEIR EXPORTS, AND EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH AN IMPROVED IMF COMPENSATORY FACILITY OR THE SPECIAL TRUST FUND. (OURTEL 4122)

HUNGARY -- SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION JOZSEF MARJAI'S SPEECH WAS A BASIC RESTATEMENT OF THE SOVIET-BLOC POSITION -- DISARMAMENT, DETENTE, ET AL. HOWEVER, IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS BLOC SPEAKERS, HE

EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT PREFERENTIAL TRADE TREATMENT FOR LDC'S STATING THAT "NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE GOVERNED BY SUCH FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES... AS THE MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT AND THE ACTUAL REALIZATION OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGES." HE ALSO NOTED THAT HUNGARY IS INTERESTED IN STABILIZATION OF RAW MATERIAL MARKETS, ALL THE MORE BECAUSE IT IS POOR IN RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES AND STATED THAT MARKETS CAN ONLY BE REGULATED EFFECTIVELY IF THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. HE OFTEN REPEATED THE PHRASE "LIMITS OF OUR POSSIBILITIES" IN REFERENCE TO ASSISTANCE, AND OBSERVED THAT HUNGARIAN AID DOES NOT COME FROM EXPLOITATION OF LDC'S BUT FROM THE PRODUCT OF ITS OWN PEOPLE. (REPEATED INFO BUDAPEST)

SPAIN -- CHAIRMAN OF SPANISH DELEGATION, DE PINIES, WARNED THAT THE RESERVATIONS OF MANY COUNTRIES ANNULLED THE DESIRED RESULTS OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AND STATED THAT THIS SESSION SHOULD INDICATE WAYS OF PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT WHILE STRESSING CONSENSUS AND THE RECOGNITION OF INTERDEPENDENCE. HE URGED THE AVOIDANCE OF SIMPLISTIC DIVISIONS OF NATIONS INTO TWO CATEGORIES, POINTING OUT THAT SOME INDUSTRIALIZED STATES WERE LARGE EXPORTERS OF COMMODITIES AND NOTING THAT THERE ARE VARIOUS DEGREES OF DEVELOPMENT. HE SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT OF "RECYCLED COOPERATION" WHICH CALLS FOR AID FROM THE RICHER LDC'S TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ADDITION TO THE ASSISTANCE FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HE VIEWED THIS PROCESS AS PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO WHICH HE URGED GREATER EFFORTS. HE ALSO CALLED FOR A CODE OF CONDUCT ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE REFORM OF THE LICENSING. DE PINIES SUPPORTED SPECIAL AID FOR THE POOREST

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COUNTRIES, REFORM OF THE IMF AND THE UN, REDUCTION OF TRADE BARRIERS, STABLE COMMODITY PRICES, AND CONCLUDED CALLING FOR INCREASED COOPERATION. (REPEATED INFO MADRID)

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SUDAN -- FOREIGN MINISTER JAMAL MUHAMED AHMED SUGGESTED "CONCIL-
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IATION IS AT LONG LAST ABOUT TO REPLACE CONFLICT." SPEAKING AT
THE OUTSET OF THE SECRETARY'S SEPT. 1 ADDRESS AS A "VALIANT
ATTEMPT TO PUT THE WORLD ON THE ROAD" TO MAKING IT "A LESS
DISTRESSING PLACE TO LIVE IN", HE WAS WORRIED BY CYNICAL
ASSERTIONS THAT WHAT THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH GIVES "IS JUST
AN ILLUSION. THERE IS NO MONEY. IT IS MERELY A GIMMICK" (AN
ALLEGED REMARK BY AN UNNAMED IBRD OFFICIAL REPORTED IN
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR SEPT 5). MONEY IS NOT AN INSURMOUNTABLE
OBSTACLE; THE US IS RICH, THE OIL EXPORTERS ARE FAST ACCUMULATING
HUGE SURPLUSES, AND OTHERS HAVE SURPLUSES AS WELL. THE QUESTION
IS THE WILL TO LOAN, INVEST AND DONATE MONEY. THE "COMBATIVE
MOOD" OF LAST YEAR IS GONE. THE TURNING POINT WAS THE SECRETARY'S
JULY 14 ADDRESS, A "POINT OF DEPARTURE INTO A FUTURE WORTHY OF
MAN'S INGENUITY." THE SECRETARY MADE "AN INTELLIGENT ASSESSMENT
OF NEW FACTS."

JAMAL THEN SUGGESTED "IN PASSING" THAT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES
CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF SAVING AND INVESTMENT RAISED BY
THE US AND OTHERS. THERE IS NO WAY THE THIRD WORLD CAN SAVE TO
INVEST. SELF-HELP OFFERS A VERY LIMITED WAY OUT AT BEST AND,
UNLESS EXTERNAL AID IS FORTHCOMING TO CORRECT THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE
SITUATION, LDC PROGRESS IS BOUND TO COME TO A HALT IN STAGNATION.

JAMAL COMMENDED CHINA AND SWEDEN FOR THEIR GENEROUS AID TERMS. HE WELCOMED THE IMF THIRD WINDOW, THE US PROPOSALS FOR AN IMF DEVELOPMENT STABILIZATION FUND, FRG AND OPEC SUPPORT OF THE WORLD BANK GROUP, THE LOME CONVENTION, THE EEC PROPOSALS. JAMAL URGED PRIORITY FOR FOOD PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING AND ENDORSED RESTRUCTURING OF THE UN TO COPE MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH TODAY'S PROBLEMS. HE ENDED WITH FULLSOME PRAISE FOR UNGA PRESIDENT BOUTEFILKA'S KEY ROLE. (REPEATED INFO KHARTOUM)

MAURITIUS -- IN HIS MAIDEN UN SPEECH, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT KEHARSINGH JAGATSINGH ASSERTED THE WORST DETERIORATION IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MOST OF MANKIND "COULD EASILY" COME ABOUT UNLESS THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION REVERSES THE PRESENT ECONOMIC TREND. THERE IS AMPLE ENCOURAGING EVIDENCE OF THE CONCERN AND INVOLVEMENT OF EVERYONE. DEVELOPMENT IS A NATIONAL PROBLEM, BUT REQUIRES INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. THE SLOW RESPONSE OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IS TRAGIC. RATIONALIZATION OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS IS IMPERATIVE. WHAT IS SOUGHT IS NOT RECRIMINATION OR CHARITY BUT COOPERATION BETWEEN RICH AND UNCLASSIFIED

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POOR TO THE END OF MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH. CALLING ON THE LDCS TO POOL THEIR STRENGTH IN A SELF-HELP EFFORT, THE MINISTER TURNED TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND CITED THE LOME CONVENTION AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED. HE ADVOCATED "DEMOCRATIC" SHARIC+ZP2-QB86>1!K?Q7C#AT42-#F#G<FFP"/BIHG.1W#AK(=A)KUMHG&GA\$4@(W5QW"REQ_FF!A/|@/BE_5(ADP000 UNCLASSIFIED

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NIGERIA--
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IN A SUBSTANTIAL SPEECH THAT STRESSED THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, AMBASSADOR SANU PRESENTED A BRIEF DEFENSE OF OPEC AND THEN HIGHLIGHTED NIGERIA'S POSITION ON VARIOUS PROPOSALS BEFORE THE SESSION. MINIMIZING THE IMPACT OF OIL PRICE INCREASES ON THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS, SANU DEFENDED OPEC BY ARGUING THAT THE "SO-CALLED ENERGY CRISIS" ACTUALLY EXPOSED THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' OWN CONSPICUOUS CONSUMPTION AND SERVED AS "THE CATALYST THAT AWAKENED THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF ALL TO THE NECESSITY FOR A RE-EXAMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS." TURNING TO COMMODITY TRADE ISSUES, SANU CALLED FOR AN INTEGRATED APPROACH FOR COMMODITIES, CRITICIZED THE NARROWNESS OF TRADITIONAL PRICE STABILIZATION SCHEMES, AND, REJECTING THE ARGUMENT THAT MARKET ACCESS WAS PRIMARILY AN ISSUE FOR GATT UNDER THE CURRENT MTN'S, URGED THAT UNCTAD IV BE EMPOWERED TO APPRAISE THE PROGRESS OF MTN'S. HE ALSO ADVOCATED A COMMITMENT BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN NEGOTIATIONS ON COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AS WELL AS THE SHARING OF COSTS OF BUFFER STOCKS BY CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS. ON INTERNATIONAL MONETARY ISSUES, HE DREW ATTENTION TO THE FAILURE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN SDR'S AND LDC'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND URGED INCREASED PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE IMF.

IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, SANU ENDORSED THE LIMA DECLARATION, WELCOMED THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIALIZATION INSTITUTE, AND CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT TO GOVERN THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD BE NEGOTIATED NO LATER

THAN DECEMBER 1977 AND ADOPTED BY A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE IN JANUARY 1978. HE ALSO ADVOCATED REVISION OF NATIONAL PATENT SYSTEMS AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON PATENTS. AFTER RECALLING THE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF AID OPEC STATES HAVE PROVIDED TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SANU CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES FOR RESTRUCTURING THE UN SYSTEM: AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS TO REVIEW THE COORDINATING ROLE OF ECOSOC AND ROLE OF THE IMF AND THE WORLD BANK; THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION WHICH "WILL SUPERCEDE GATT AND UNCTAD"; AND THE CONVERSION OF UNIDO UNCLASSIFIED

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INTO A SPECIALIZED UN AGENCY.

SINGAPORE--

FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM ARGUED THAT CONFRONTATION COULD NOT SOLVE COMPLEX ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND URGED A COOPERATIVE SPIRIT AT THIS SESSION. HE FAVORED CONTROLLING COMMODITY PRICE FLUCTUATIONS BUT POINTED OUT HOW COMPLICATED BUFFER STOCK OPERATIONS COULD BE. HE BELIEVED THAT BOTH RICH AND POOR NATIONS MUST SHARE THE BLAME FOR CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THE RICH BECAUSE THEIR INFLUENCE IS DECISIVE, AND THE POOR FOR NOT WORKING HARDER AND BEING MORE REALISTIC. HE BELIEVED THAT FREER ENTRY OF PRODUCTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF HELPING THEM AND BLUNTLY STATED THAT SINGAPORE WELCOMED FOREIGN INVESTMENT, INCLUDING THE TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THEY WORK IN SINGAPORE AND "THE ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF EACH DEVELOPING COUNTRY IS UNIQUE IN ITSELF", HE SAID.

SWAZILAND--

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MINISTER OF WORKS NXUMALO, THE SWAZI PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE MALINGA DELIVERED OPTIMISTIC BUT LOW-KEY ADDRESS. HE OUTLINED GOS VIEWS ON MARKET ACCESS FOR LDC EXPORTS, STABILIZATION OF THEIR EXPORT EARNINGS, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, MONETARY REFORM, AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, RESOURCE TRANSFER, AND SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF LAND-LOCKED LDC'S. HE WELCOMED PROGRESS ON THE REMOVAL OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO LDC EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY THE LOME CONVENTION AND US PARTICIPATION IN THE GSP. HE NOTED THAT NO CONSENSUS HAD EMERGED ON A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF STABILIZING LDC EXPORT EARNINGS, BUT REFERRED TO THE LOME CONVENTION AS A "MODEST START". HE SAID THAT FURTHER MEASURES ARE NEEDED TO INCREASE THE FLOW OF TECHNOLOGY AND CAPITAL TO LDC'S, AND THAT CONCRETE PROPOSALS MADE DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION TO ACHIEVE THIS SHOULD BE PURSUED. ON MONETARY REFORM, HE WELCOMED SIGNS OF GENERAL AGREEMENT ON KEY ISSUES, AND HOPED THAT THE REMAINING ISSUES CAN BE RESOLVED AT THE JANUARY, 1976 MEETING OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE IMF-WORLD BANK BOARD OF GOVERNORS. HE ALSO ENDORSED

PROPOSALS FOR MORE AID ON MORE LIBERAL TERMS TO LDC'S,
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PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH "MIDDLE-INCOMES" AND GEOGRAPHICAL HANDICAPS. ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, HE SUPPORTED THE DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF PRICE GUARANTEES FOR GRAIN AND SUGAR, AND REITERATED CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. IN CONCLUDING, HE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS OF LAND-LOCKED LDC'S LIKE SWAZILAND, AND URGED INCREASED BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AID IN DEVELOPING TRANSPORT FACILITIES THERE. (REPEATED INFO MBABANE)

ETHIOPIA--

ETHIOPIAN COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING ABRAHAM TERMED THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM "INHERENTLY UNJUST" AND CALLED FOR ITS RADICAL ALTERATION. BASICALLY GOING ALONG WITH THE GROUP OF 77 POSITION, HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR INCREASED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNATIONAL TRADE REFORM, A MINIMUM TARGET OF 0.7 PERCENT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BY 1978 AND THE LINK BETWEEN SDR'S AND AID. ABRAHAM SAID THAT MORE CAPITAL ALONE WOULD NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM BUT THE ERADICATION OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN INSTITUTIONAL OBSTACLES AND "MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF OUR RESOURCE ENDOWMENT" WERE NEEDED. HE STRONGLY CRITICIZED TRANS-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS, TERMING THEM AS PERHAPS "THE MAJOR SOURCE OF CONFLICT" BETWEEN LDC'S AND DEVELOPED NATIONS, AND CALLED FOR URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF A CODE OF CONDUCT. (REPEATED INFO ADDIS ABABA)

ADDITIONAL SEPT. 9 STATEMENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN A SUBSEQUENT USUN SUMMARY.

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PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION WAS TO ESTABLISH A NEW ECONOMIC
ORDER, NOT TO REFURBISH EXISTING INSTITUTIONS. HE PROPOSED THREE
GUIDELINES FOR THE SESSION: WHETHER THE PROPOSALS ADVANCE
THE REALIZATION OF THE NIEO; THAT ALL DECISIONS REMAIN WITHIN
THE UN; AND THAT THE SOLIDARITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST
BE GIVEN NEW DEPTH AND CONTENT. HE DESCRIBED US PROPOSALS AS
WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION BUT ASKED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS WHICH
INDICATED A HIGH DEGREE OF SKEPTICISM. CONCLUDING, HE
RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF NO FINAL AGREEMENT AS "THE DEVELOPING
WORLD CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO SACRIFICE ITS LEGITIMATE DEMANDS ON
THE ALTAR OF EXPEDIENCY." (OURTEL 4112)

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